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CAPT Charles McGarvey, following his graduation from the physical therapy program in 1977 from the West Virginia University in Morgantown, was commissioned in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service. In 1981 he earned a Masters of Science in Community Health Education from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia. Most recently he received his Doctor of Physical Therapy from Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions (MGHIHP) in May 2006.

Over the past twenty-nine years he served in a variety of clinical and research positions with the Bureau of Medical Services in Norfolk, Virginia, the Indian Health Service in White River, Arizona, and for the past 23 years at the Warren G. Magnuson and Mark Hatfield Clinical Centers, National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland.

In 1987, he was selected Chief, Physical Therapy at NIH and has been very active professionally in a number of clinical, educational and research programs. For past 20 years, his clinical practice has been almost exclusively with the care for cancer patients specifically breast cancer. He has lectured extensively, nationally and internationally, on a variety of issues related to the assessment and treatment of cancer patients.

CAPT McGarvey has authored or co-authored over 22 articles and chapters on the subject of cancer rehabilitation. In 1990, he published the text “**Physical Therapy for the Cancer Patient**”. He also serves as manuscript reviewer and research expert in the areas on cancer and prosthetics for a number of professional organizations.

He was selected by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) to serve as the only physical therapist on an expert panel to develop nationally-based guidelines for the assessment and treatment of cancer pain from 1991-1992.

For his valuable contributions to the Oncology Section of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) where, he served as its president, CAPT McGarvey received the Jeri F. Walton PT Service Award in 1993. In 2005 he was inducted as a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association in recognition of a career of valuable contributions that have resulted in lasting and significant enhancement in science, education and the practice of physical therapy.